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Getting Even.

In the crowd that filled a Mulberry street auction room were two Italians who watched the sale with interest and enjoyed the badinage for which the auctioneer is noted. One of the Italians bid on some household article, and it was instantly accepted.

"What's the name?" asked the auctioneer as he opened the salesbook.

"Pietro Dionozza," answered the buyer.

"Oh, that's too much! I'll put down Peanuts, 50 cents." You're on," said the auctioneer as he rattled off the next article. The other Italian bid enough to secure the article, and his name was requested.

"Patrick O'Sullivan," quickly answered the Italian.

"Well," mused the auctioneer, "that's a good old name for a dago. Come, that's not yours, though."

"You betta it isn't nota mine," was the reply, "but ita is aogood as Peanuts. You maka de fun with italiano name; I maka fun wida Irish!"—Newark Call.

For Art's Sake.

Mr. Boughton, the English artist, while sketching in the Alps, was one day in search of a suitable background of dark pines for a picture he had planned. He found at last the precise situation he was seeking, and best of all, says Tit-Bits, there happened to be a pretty detail in the figure of an old woman in the foreground.

"I asked the old lady," said Mr. Boughton, "to remain seated until I had made a sketch of her. She assented, but in a few minutes asked me how long I should be. 'Only about a quarter of an hour,' I answered reassuringly.

"Three minutes or so later she again asked me—this time with manifest anxiety—if I should be much longer.

"Oh, not long!" I answered. "But why do you ask so anxiously?"

"Oh, it's nothing," she sadly answered, "only I'm sitting on an ant hill."

A Puzzler.

The child was four years old, logical, persistent and curious. The mother endeavored in all possible conscientiousness never to depart from any statement once made the child as fact. One afternoon this conversation occurred:

"Mother, where is your grandmother?"

"In heaven, dear."

"Oh!" Silence and apparent absorption in toys for a full hour, then:

"Mother, didn't I come from heaven?"

"Of course."

"Well, mother, it's awfully funny that I doesn't remember meeting your grandmother there."—New York Times.

Feeding the Cobras.

The keepers of the big cobras in the Central park menagerie and the New York zoological garden do not find it easy to supply their venomous charges with the kind of food that they specially prefer. In their native land cobras live chiefly on smaller and less dangerous and objectionable snakes, but although every effort is made to collect harmless snakes to satisfy the appetite of the imprisoned cobras at some seasons they have to be content with rats and mice, which they do not particularly like. Other varieties of captive snakes are fed mainly on toads, mice and rabbits. English sparrows are also purchased for them.

Eating an Orange.

When oranges are cut across and eaten with a spoon somewhat of their naturalness seems gone. It is an artificial way of eating this fruit, but often proves the most convenient. The way in which the juice flies is one of the drawbacks to this method. By taking a knife and cutting a little circle around the core in the center this tendency of the juice to fly is largely counteracted. Some fastidious people never eat their oranges across and never use a spoon, but instead cut them in eighths with the skin on and sip the juice from these little portions.

The Phenix of Arabia.

In olden times a bird called a "phenix" was thought to live in the deserts of Arabia. His lease of life was said to be 500 years, at the end of which time he built a nest of spices and fanned it into a flame with his wings. The flame reduced the bird to ashes, out of which he sprung to live another 500 years. Richardson says that he had fifty orifices in his beak, through which he sung melodious airs.

His Talk.

"What will I talk about?" remarked a man who had been called on unexpectedly at a banquet and mentally groped for something to say.

"Talk about a minute!" was the rejoinder that came from a nimble witted chap at the other side of the dining-room.—Boston Journal.

Horses and Color.

As regards color, gray horses live longest, roan horses nearly as long. Cream colored horses are deficient in staying power, especially in summer weather. Bays, on an average, are the best. Horses with black hoofs are stronger and tougher than others.

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